

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of C.M., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CYNTHIA LENIECE BUCHANAN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER MAYWEATHER,

Respondent.

In the Matter of G.E., D.E., and S.D., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CYNTHIA LENIECE BUCHANAN,

Respondent-Appellant.

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Family Division

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Before: Talbot, P.J., and Sawyer and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-Appellant appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) (conditions that led to

adjudication continue to exist), (g) (failure to provide proper care and custody), and (j) (reasonable likelihood of harm if returned). We affirm.

Although respondent challenges the trial court's finding that §§ 19b(3)(c)(i) and (g) were established by clear and convincing evidence, she does not challenge the trial court's finding with respect to § 19b(3)(j). Because only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights, respondent's failure to challenge § 19b(3)(j) precludes appellate relief. *In re KMP*, 244 Mich App 111, 118; 624 NW2d 472 (2000). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Additionally, contrary to respondent's claim, the fact that C.M. was placed with his father and paternal grandmother rather than in a foster home, did not preclude the court from terminating respondent's parental rights. MCR 5.974(F); cf. *In re Marin*, 198 Mich App 560, 568; 499 NW2d 400 (1993).

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Talbot
/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Peter D. O'Connell